

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING DIRECTOR:

I have informed Frank Wisner that Alvin Shuster of the NEW YORK TIMES asked me for comment or guidance on a tip he said the TIMES has that Adele Ricketts and Malcolm Bersohn, Americans who were released from Red China some time ago and who made anti-American statements, have now completely changed and are "singing" to U. S. authorities. I told Mr. Shuster that we had no comment and we could give no guidance.

Joe Myler, special feature writer of the United Press, is doing a story on CIA. George Gaylin, United Press picture editor, asked for and I granted permission for their cameraman to take photographs of the CIA sign in front of 2430 E Street and of the entrance to the North Building. I accompanied the photographer and notified the Security Office [REDACTED]

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Howard Handleman, diplomatic correspondent of the International News Service, requested guidance on Walter Trohan's story in today's CHICAGO TRIBUNE that Bulganin's illness is political in nature and that he will be succeeded by Khrushchev, and that President Eisenhower received a hint of this in Geneva. I told Mr. Handleman that we would make no comment and furnish no guidance.

Mr. Lyons of the WASHINGTON POST & TIMES HERALD wanted to know if we had made a final site selection for our proposed new building. I told him that we had not. He wanted to know why we were so slow in coming to a decision. I told him that a great deal of study, surveying, etc., had to be made so that when the decision was made, every factor would have been considered. He wanted to know if Mr. Dulles personally would make the decision. I assured him that he would but that a group of experts under Colonel L. K. White, a Deputy Director, worked on each suggested site.

The MONTGOMERY COUNTY SENTINEL called to ask if the offer of the Germantown site, some 50 acres, was being considered. I told him that it would receive consideration.

The Office of the Secretary of Defense very kindly let us see an article which mentioned CIA which is intended for publication in the AIR FORCE MAGAZINE and was written by Murray Green, an administrative assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force. It contained no CIA classified matter but because of the semi-official aura given such an article, we suggested as a policy matter that the reference to CIA and Allen Dulles might well be deleted without impairing the merits of the manuscript. The viewpoints we expressed are also those of the Security Officer with whom we checked.

We returned to MADEMOISELLE an article that contained information which the Director could not release and which we had checked with Security.

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